

REMARKS

Applicant replaces the claims with claims drafted in a manner consistent with U.S. practice. Applicant amends the specification to include section headers and to address minor typographical errors.

Applicant asks that all claims be examined in view of the amendment to the claims.

Now pending in this application are claims 11-22, with claim 11 being independent. No fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this preliminary amendment. However, to the extent fees are due, or if a refund is forthcoming, please adjust our deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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